

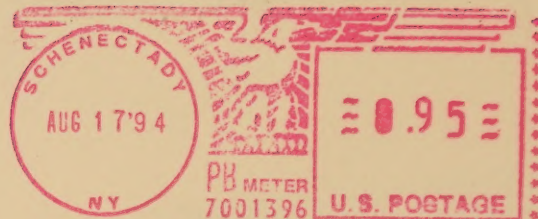


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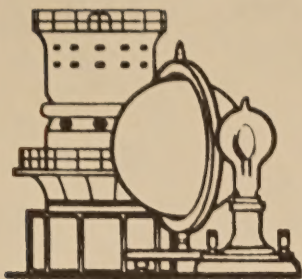
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Cooper :

WELCOME! I have been informed that you have come aboard as new Members of the Hall of History! Individuals such as you, interested in preservation as well as educating and enlightening the public concerning the history of the electrical industry, help to ensure the success of our goals.

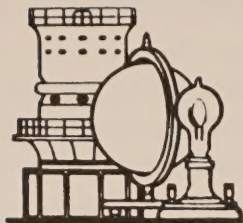
Enclosed please find your membership cards. As a Member you will receive the Hall of History's "CURRENT COMMENTARY" (monthly), and a 25 % discount on books and photographs in limited quantities for your own personal use.

It was a pleasure meeting you recently during your whirlwind tour of the Hall of History and we hope to be able to welcome you again some day for a more leisurely visit that gives us a little time to chat with you about New Zealand, your project, your travels. Do give us a call ahead of time so we can have the material ready for you. John Anderson, our historian, comes in on Mondays and Thursdays, and he will be very happy to assist you.

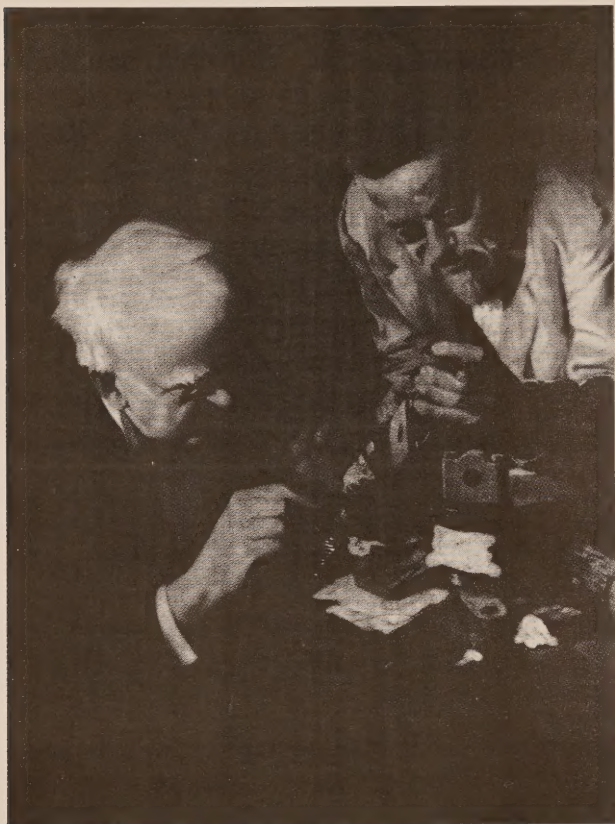
Sincerely,

Donald H. Gordon, Chairperson
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*Thomas A. Edison and Charles P. Steinmetz **

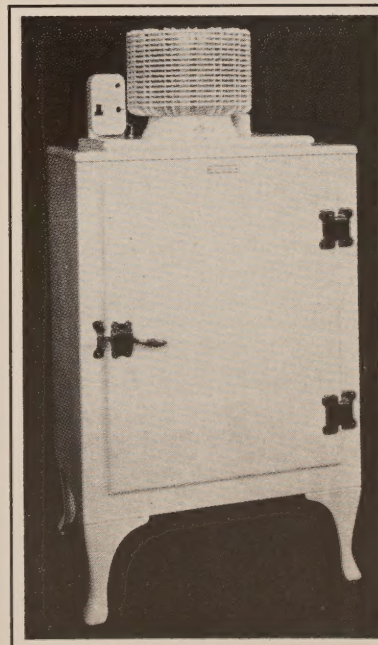
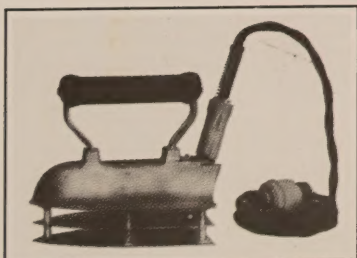
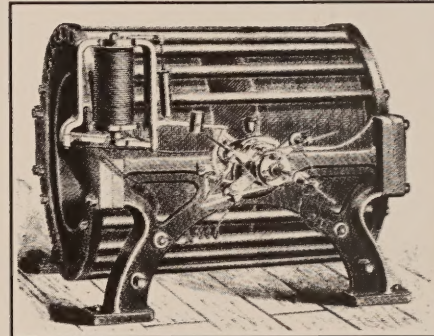
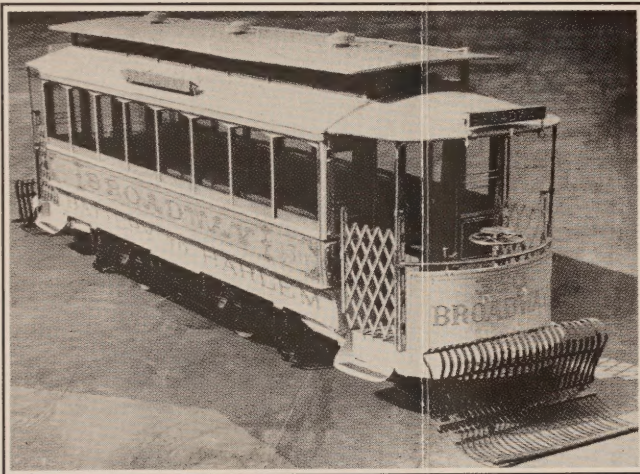
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Located in the heart of historic Schenectady, New York, the **HALL OF HISTORY** is dedicated to collecting and preserving the artifacts and the documentary heritage of the electrical industry. At the Hall of History, one can travel back in time with turn-of-the-century appliances. Or, one can take an exciting trip into the evolution of the electrical industry from its archives via prints and photos.

The Hall of History is a complete history center with over 600 artifacts, a million or more photographs, and the private papers of noted investigators. The collection is currently being restored by the dedicated volunteers and staff of the Hall of History.



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The Hall's archives house the papers of some of the electrical industry's most famous and fascinating pioneers, such as Thomas Alva Edison, Charles Proteus Steinmetz, Elihu Thomson, and C.A. Halvorson, to name a few. Catalogs and technical manuals date back as far as 1880.

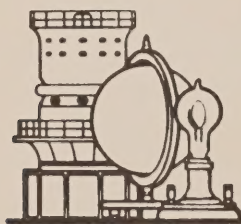
The Hall of History offers research services, including reproduction of photos from its vast collection. From time-to-time, the Hall of History has had artifacts and archives on loan to the Museum of Science (Boston, MA), the Schenectady Museum and Proctor's Theatre (Schenectady, NY), the State Governor's Mansion (Albany, NY), and other museums.

GE'S HISTORY

- 1878** The Edison Electric Light Company founded October 15 to support Edison's incandescent lamp research.
- 1879** The first practical incandescent lamp is invented by Edison, who also constructs his first dynamo.
- 1882** Pearl Street Station – the nation's first central station – begins operation in New York City. Sprague develops underground railway.
- 1886** Edison Machine Works moves to Schenectady. Stanley perfects electrical transformer – proves AC distribution is practical.
- 1892** The General Electric Company is formed through the merger of Edison General Electric Company and Thomson-Houston Company. Charles A. Coffin is first president. Charles P. Steinmetz joins the Company at Lynn, Massachusetts.
- 1900** GE Research Laboratory is established by Dr. Willis R. Whitney. GE trademark (monogram) is registered.
- 1903** Curtis Steam Turbine line is introduced. GE acquires Stanley Electric Manufacturing Company.
- 1906** Alexanderson produces first practical high-frequency alternator used in pioneering voice and music broadcasts.
- 1908** Dr. William D. Coolidge renders tungsten ductile, paving the way for modern lighting.
- 1918** GE builds record capacity water-wheel generator for Niagara Falls (32,500 KVA, 12,000 Volts). Armistice message transmitted via Trans-Atlantic radio systems designed by Alexanderson.
- 1922** WGY, GE's first radio station, goes on the air in Schenectady.
- 1925** First hermetically-sealed domestic refrigerator announced by GE, the "Monitor Top".
- 1928** WGY broadcasts first television drama.
- 1930** Plastics Department formed by GE.
- 1932** Dr. Irving Langmuir awarded Nobel Prize in Chemistry.
- 1935** First night Major League game is played under GE lights in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 1941** Largest U.S. battleship, the North Carolina, launched with 115,000 H.P. GE drive.
- 1945** GE jet engines power the P-80, the world's fastest plane. The Company begins construction of a new silicone plant at Waterford, New York, and in Schenectady, New York, ground is broken for a new Research laboratory home.

KEY DATES IN GE HISTORY (cont'd.)

- 1953** Lexan® polycarbonate resin announced.
- 1954** GE designs J-79 world's first jet engine to move aircraft twice the speed of sound. First industrial installation of numerical control for machine tools.
- 1955** Creation of industrial grade (Man-Made™) diamonds announced by GE. USS Seawolf launched, powered by KAPL's first nuclear reactor for naval use.
- 1956** New Management Research and Development Institute opens at Crotonville, New York.
- 1960** GE designs re-entry system, recovery system, and space capsule for Discoverer. Reliability of Polaris inertial guidance system demonstrated.
- 1963** Self-cleaning oven (P-7) introduced.
- 1968** First flight of C-5 military transport with GE TF39 engines.
- 1970** Synthesis of gem-quality diamonds announced. Successful first flights of DC-10 aircraft powered by GE CF6 engines.
- 1973** Nobel Prize for Physics awarded Dr. Ivar Giaever of the GE Research & Development Center.



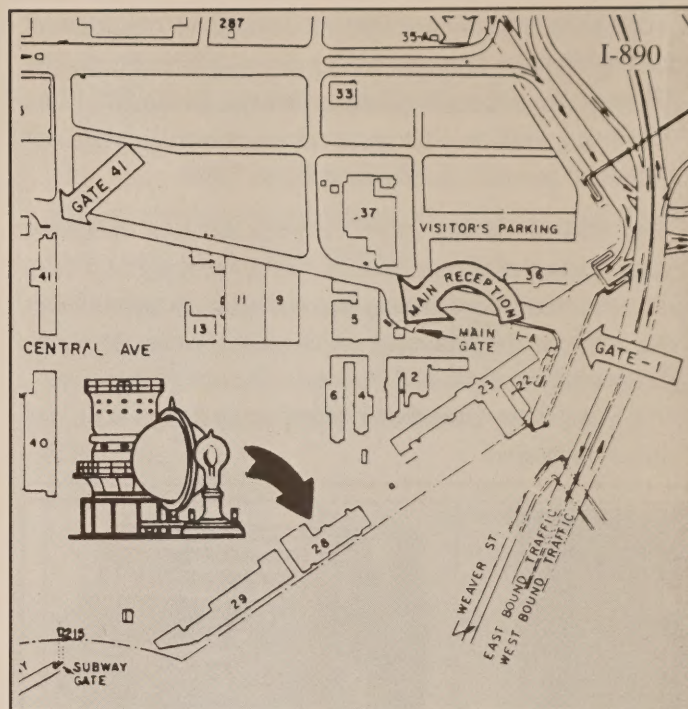
THE HALL OF HISTORY FOUNDATION

The Hall of History Foundation is a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to preserving, exhibiting, educating, and publishing the story of the development of the electrical industry and its people.

The Foundation is sustained by private and corporate memberships and donations, and by the sale of photos, videos, and publications.

Monetary contributions and artifacts, as well as archival materials, are tax deductible in accordance with IRS regulations.

HOW TO FIND US



BY CAR

New York State Thruway to Schenectady, then to I-890 to GE (General Electric) sign.

BY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Amtrak and Trailway terminals are within one-half mile of GE and the Hall of History.

PARKING

Visitors must obtain a Pass from GE Main Reception, Building 3, prior to proceeding to the Hall of History. GE Main Reception will furnish directions to the Hall of History (Building 28) and instructions for parking.

VISITING HOURS

Monday and Thursday 10-4
Tours by special appointment

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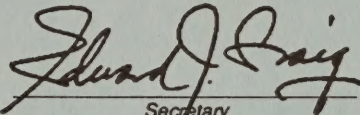
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